



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
OCALA

WELCOME TO THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF OCALA



New Member Information



WHO WE ARE

MODERN WOMEN
FUELED BY PURPOSE
AND LIT BY PASSION



The Junior League of Ocala is a place where you can serve the Ocala community, develop leadership skills, and feel empowered while serving with other civic-minded women. We are an organization that blends education with generosity and humanity - connecting women who share a passion for voluntarism and community transformation. It is JLO's goal to provide a foundation for the growth of all members as they take their experiences and apply them in their daily lives, careers, and out into the greater community.





JLO SINCE 1989...
BUT A LOVE STORY THAT BEGAN IN 1964

The Junior League of Ocala was founded in 1989 by what was originally known as the Children's Service League (CSL).

CSL was formed in April 1964 by twenty women to assist in the transportation of infants for adoption and to address the needs of children placed in foster homes. They were instrumental in establishing the Children's Home Society's office in Marion County.

From this humble beginning, CSL continued to evolve, staying true to its goal of providing love and meeting the tangible needs of children.

In 1989, CSL was formally admitted into the Association of Junior Leagues International and became known as the Junior League of Ocala.

Today, the Junior League of Ocala connects over 100 members to our community to act on tough issues and impact transformational change - continuing its focus on women and children in the Ocala community.



WE ARE PART OF A LARGER MOVEMENT

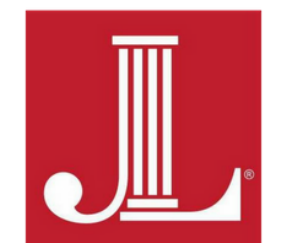
AJLI

The Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. (AJLI) is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

Everything JLO does ties back to this key mission.

Since its founding in 1901 by social activist, Mary Harriman, the Junior League has evolved into one of the **oldest, largest, and most effective women's volunteer organizations in the world**, encompassing more than 125,000 women in 295 Leagues across four countries.

You can learn more about AJLI by visiting ajli.org.



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our impact

SINCE 1989, JLO HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN A VARIETY OF ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS, INCLUDING:

- Donated time and resources to the Marion County School Board, Project Hope, Interfaith, Kimberly's Center, Kids Central, the City of Ocala, and many more
- Partnered with the Black Stallion Literacy Project to inspire a love of reading in Marion County students
- Provided funding for the Marion County library system through endowments and foundations
- Pledged 30K to help build the children's emergency department at Munroe Regional Medical Center
- Helped conceive the Ocala Discovery Center - leading the fundraising efforts and the development of exhibits and programs, including the "discovery hands" program
- Created the R.E.A.C.H. program to help underprivileged students achieve greatness. Through R.E.A.C.H., JLO members helped over 1,000 local elementary students annually

JLO's current community impact projects include a continued partnership with the City of Ocala Recreation and Parks Department to help provide family shelters and playgrounds for our neighborhood parks and our new community partnership with Project Hope which helps lift homeless women and their children out of poverty by providing shelter and a model for self-sufficiency.



MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

When joining the Junior League of Ocala (JLO), you're given the chance to create your own path within the organization.

Benefits include:

- Connecting you to the community
- Leadership development
- The chance to enhance your skills or learn something new through a wide variety of trainings and workshops
- The setting to meet civic-minded women through fun and supportive social events
- The chance to change a life and better our community



provisional year

WHAT YOUR EXPERIENCE WILL LOOK LIKE

When you join the Junior League of Ocala for the first time, you will enter into what is called your Provisional year. The Provisional year is purposefully designed to introduce and educate you on the Junior League of Ocala while providing opportunities to socialize, create new connections, gain access to valuable training, learn about our mission, and serve within our community impact projects.

As a provisional, there are certain requirements that one must meet before moving onto active membership. Provisional obligations generally include:

- Financial obligations that cover the payment of your provisional dues when completing your application (\$185) and a fundraising commitment to be split in ticket purchases between our two annual fundraisers (\$60 Autumn Gift Market in the fall | \$60 Pints for Parks in the spring)
- Complete a provisional training orientation by September
- Attend 3 provisional-specific meetings
- Earn 30 "points" that are awarded through several opportunities including volunteer sign ups, attending general membership meetings and socials, attending a training, making a donation, and many more. Members typically earn 1-3 points per opportunity and have until May to meet this requirement. These sign ups are member driven - meaning you select the opportunities and times that work best for you.

General membership meetings are usually held every 3rd Tuesday of the month (August-April) beginning with an optional 5:30 pm social and a 6:00 pm meeting start time. Members are required to attend, in-person or virtually, at least 5 GMMs each league year.



APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications are being accepted June 1 - August 7, 2021.

Applications will be accepted:

- By completing our online application
- At our summer recruitment socials
- By email - info@ocala.jl.org
- Or by snail mail - PO Box 5954, Ocala, FL 34478

Applications are to be turned in alongside a one-time provisional fee of \$185 due by August 7, 2021. This can be paid via credit/debit card or by check.

Payment plans are available upon request. Contact our League Treasurer, Alisa Strickland, at treasurer@ocala.jl.org. Your request will be kept confidential.



thank you for your interest in joining jlo

For additional questions in regards to JLO, your provisional year, or the application process - please reach out to our recruitment chair, provisional chair, or our league president.



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